

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 211

EFFECTIVE June 29, 2020

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2020, over 10,000 people gathered in Providence to protest against police brutality and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Similar protests have occurred in every state in the country as it has become increasingly clear that the manner by which police departments are managed in the United States has resulted in a complete breakdown in trust between the police and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While the recent protests are in response to the killing of George Floyd, the issues of systemic racism, police brutality, and the failure of the government to support communities of color have plagued our society for generations; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials around the country must do more to support our communities of color by addressing the systemic issues embedded within our society; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of Providence has attempted to address some of the financial hurdles that communities of color face by creating programs that will provide jobs and opportunities for the residents of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence First Source Program is administered through the Office of Economic Opportunity and is designed to provide an avenue for Providence residents to receive job training and access to local jobs within the City; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) program is also overseen by the Office of Economic Opportunity and was implemented to provide minority and women owned businesses with a means to receive equitable treatment in city contracting; and

WHEREAS, The First Source and MBE/WBE programs are vital in assisting our local communities by providing resources to build lasting wealth through improved career opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the Mayor of Providence conduct an audit of the First Source and MBE/WBE programs in order to determine their efficacy as well as to identify areas where these programs can be improved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 18 2020

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Shawn Selleck
City Clerk